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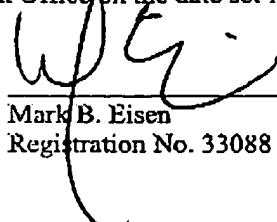
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Applicant: Zaheer Kahlfan et al.

Application No.: 09/708,038 Art Unit: 3653

Filed: November 8, 2000 Examiner: Tuan N. Nguyen

Title: Optical Paper Sorting Method  
Device and Apparatus Attorney's Ref.: 1084-7/MBE

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Dear Sir:

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a) REQUESTING  
WITHDRAWAL OF A HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

1. Applicant hereby petitions to withdraw the holding of abandonment dated March 9, 2004, for applicant's alleged failure to file a proper reply to the Official Letter dated June 18, 2003. The ground for this Petition is that applicant did in fact file a proper reply to the Official Letter dated June 18, 2003.
2. An Official Letter was mailed June 18, 2003, requiring a response by September 18, 2003. Applicant filed the response attached hereto, with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission, by facsimile transmission on September 16, 2003. Also attached is a copy of the facsimile cover sheet accompanying applicant's response, and the facsimile confirmation sheet showing the successful transmission of applicant's response on that date.
3. Applicant accordingly submits that the holding of abandonment is in error.

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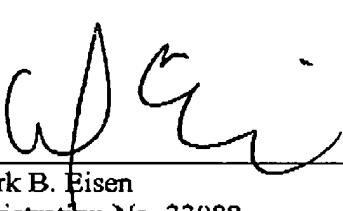
4. A Declaration of the undersigned attesting to the above facts accompanies this Petition.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the enclosed fees to our Deposit Account No. 600000075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed if required for this purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Executed at Toronto, Ontario, Canada on May 10, 2004.

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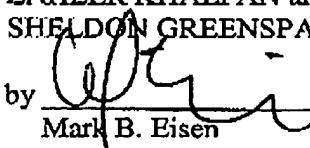
Dear Sir:

**DECLARATION ACCOMPANYING PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a)**

The undersigned, attorney of record in this application, being duly warned that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent resulting therefrom, DECLARES THAT:

1. An Official Letter was mailed June 18, 2003, requiring a response by September 18, 2003. In reply to this Official Letter applicant filed the response attached to the accompanying Petition, with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission, by facsimile transmission on September 16, 2003.
2. Also attached to the accompanying Petition is a copy of the facsimile cover sheet accompanying applicant's response, and the facsimile confirmation sheet showing the successful transmission of applicant's response on that date.
3. Applicant accordingly submits that the holding of abandonment is in error, and this Declaration is filed in support of the accompanying Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a).

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